

FINE LIFE ENDS WITH DEATH OF F. O. VAN GALDER

Editor of the Modern Woodman
Leaves Behind an Enrivable Record of Achievements.

Frank O. Van Galder, editor of the Modern Woodman for the last 24 years, died at 2:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, 1010 Twentieth street. His death, which closes a long life, filled with constant service to his fellow men, is mourned not only by a large circle of personal acquaintances, but as well by hundreds of men and women in every part of the country, who grew to know him and love him through his literary works.

Born on a farm near Janesville, Wis., Jan. 6, 1855, Frank O. Van Galder moved with his parents, Truman and Mary Phelps Van Galder, to Sycamore, Ill., in 1868. While still a young man he there engaged in local newspaper work and also was a special writer for various Chicago dailies.

For many years he was owner and publisher of the Daily Republican, in which capacity he continued after being appointed editor of The Modern Woodman, official publication of the Modern Woodmen of America, in June, 1895, until in November, 1899, when he moved to Rock Island to devote his entire time to that position. At the same time he supervised the society's printing plant and managed the advertising department. His first identification with the society was on Feb. 24, 1885, when he became a member in Sycamore. Later he moved to Rock Island and organized Camp No. 12,423.

He was 64 years of age at the time of his death, and appeared many years younger. Earlier in the summer he started on an extended vacation trip to the northwest, in search of better health. He had been in indifferent health since last winter, and was on the verge of a nervous breakdown due to overwork. When he returned home on Tuesday, Aug. 19, his condition was considered serious, as he had contracted a severe digestive organ malady.

A Friend to Man.

J. G. Ray, assistant head clerk of the Modern Woodmen, said of the editor—
"He lived in a house by the side of the road.
And was a friend to man."

"For his devotedness and a modest and unassuming life, a life thoroughly consistent and genuine; unselfish; a life full of conservative and constructive thought and action, always based upon right principles and righteous purposes; a life full of love for his family and for boys and girls—for whom he wrote many stories of child life.

"For he was an author of considerable note, and his works under his pen name of 'Floyd K. Royce' are well known. Throughout his busy life he took the time (he termed it 'recreation') to write a number of serial stories for various publications. Some of them were later done into books. Always an ardent teetotaler and consistent advocate of temperance, his latest book under the name 'My Battle With Booze,' was considered by friends as his strongest literary production. His delightful stories for children and several dramas written for the Modern Woodmen of America and Royal Neighbors were productions of real and lasting merit."

Was Versatile and Busy.

Though he has passed, the memory of his achievements will long be recognized by the world. He went to Europe upon the Ford peace ship in 1915, giving all his efforts at that time to end the destructive war. He was a devoted member of the Methodist church. He was active member of several big organizations, among them the Tri-City Press Club, of which he was president at one time. He was a leading stockholder in the Three-Eye baseball club, and was president of the association in 1908, when the Islanders won the pennant. Being thus versatile his list of friends—who were all of his acquaintances—was innumerable, extending particularly throughout the jurisdiction of the Woodmen organization.

"The Boy Scouts of Rock Island have lost one of their most loyal supporters in the death of F. O. Van Galder of the Modern Woodmen of America," said David Bergquist, their leader, today. "As a member of the executive committee of the local council he did much to further the movement in this city. He was a staunch supporter of every move that would better the condition of boys in Rock Island."

EDITOR OF MODERN WOODMAN EXPIRES



F. O. Van Galder.

land, and was especially interested in seeing that the Scouts had a splendid summer camp."

His Last Work on Press.

He would fight to the last ditch, and did in several instances, for the things he considered right and fair, and so was always a strong force in the community for good. Both in Sycamore and Rock Island he took an active part as a citizen in affairs relative to civic, educational and religious affairs.

Just at the time the publication to which Editor Van Galder had given 24 years of his life was being made ready—when the forms of the issue were closed and the final proofs of the pages were ready for the chief's customary inspection—the editor had penned his last word, and Frank O. Van Galder passed on to an unending reward for the fullness of his service to man.

There survive him his wife, Florence T. Van Galder and daughter, Anna Clare Van Galder of Rock Island; a daughter, Mrs. Cora V. Hart and two grandchildren, Charles E. and George F. Hart, of Minneapolis, Minn.; a brother, Fred W. Van Galder of Berthoud, Colo.; and three sisters, Mrs. Richard Taylor and Mrs. Theron Stark of Sycamore, Ill., and Mrs. Adelaide Cronch of Nebraska. His only son, Charles T., died Dec. 13, 1904.

Funeral services will be held in the home at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon, with Rev. Samuel Van Pelt, pastor of the First Methodist church, in charge. Interment will be in Chippianock cemetery.

OLD SETTLERS OF
SCOTT COUNTY TO
MEET WEDNESDAY

The 63rd annual festival of the Scott County Pioneer Settlers' association will be held at the Outing club in Davenport, on Wednesday, Aug. 27, beginning at 10 a. m.

As has been the custom in the past, a beautiful rocker will be presented to the oldest pioneer settler present.

All old settlers, those who settled in Scott county on or before Dec. 31, 1846, whether constitutional members or not, are requested to be present at the Outing club at 10 o'clock sharp.

The program follows:
The president calls to order.
Prayer—Rev. C. R. Neal.
Vocal solo—Miss Bessie Armil, accompanied by Frances Armil.
Reading proceedings of last festival.

Report of treasurer—Annual dues.
Record of pioneer dead.
Election of officers for ensuing year.

Valedictory of the president.
Inaugural of the president-elect.
Oration—Hon. H. C. Byers.
Reading—Miss Mina Collins.
Vocal solo—Miss Edna Doyle, accompanied by Miss Gorman.
General business.

Tollin solo—Blanche Frye-Rochon.
Dinner and voluntary speeches.
Song, "Auld Lang Syne."
Dinner will be served the noon hour. No baskets permitted.

President—Lorraine Doyle.
Secretary—Henry Karwath.
Executive committee—J. H. Wilson, Hugh Nichol, C. W. Pinnell, G. M. Nichols, Lorraine Doyle, John Bargonier.

Reception committee—Mrs. Henry Karwath, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Mrs. John Bargonier, Mrs. James McFate, Mrs. J. F. Kelly, Mrs. William Armil, Mrs. J. B. Scott, Mrs. Katherine McCormick, Mrs. Mary A. Gilmore.

MAIL CLERK OF DAVENPORT AND MONEY MISSING

Frank L. Stowe, Night Collector at Postoffice, Gone Since Nine Days Ago.

Frank L. Stowe, night collector at the Davenport postoffice for the several substations scattered over the city, is missing.

So is a large amount of money which he gathered in on his collections of a week ago Saturday night.

At one substation Stowe collected two checks, one for \$3,800, another for \$1,200, \$800 in cash and a \$50 Liberty bond. Payment on the checks was stopped at the respective banks. The larger check in the sum of \$3,800 was made by Orey Jansson, Davenport auto dealer, on the Iowa National bank and was made payable to the Nash Sales Company of Chicago. The check for \$1,200 was payable to a party in a small Illinois town.

Exact Sum Unknown.

It is believed Stowe secured additional sums at the other substations and the exact amount of his defalcations is known only to the authorities. It is thought, however, that it will total several thousand dollars.

A large number of secret service men have been in Davenport for several days past checking up Stowe's collections and looking over clues which might lead to his arrest.

Stowe had been collecting mail but a few days when he suddenly quit. He was at first assigned to work in the office and then complained that his impaired health, due to gas wounds in the war, could not endure inside work.

His request for outside work was granted and he was assigned to collect mail. In his duty he was to bring into the central office the mail deposited for collection at the substations.

Disappeared Aug. 16.

Saturday night a week ago, Aug. 16, was the last seen of him. He came into the office with a bundle of mail and checked out at 10:44 p. m. He has not been seen since.

But—Stowe did not turn in any registered mail that night. This was the money mail. He turned in the ordinary mail. That was all.

And no one noticed that the usual collection of registered mail on his run, usually heavy, was not checked in. Ordinarily he would not have been allowed to check out without accounting for the absence of this valuable registered matter, always known to contain either cash, drafts, checks, money orders or valuable articles.

But Stowe turned in the common run of mail and disappeared. Ten forty-four p. m. was the last time he was ever seen around the postoffice.

No Registered Mail.

It was not until Monday morning following his disappearance, or Aug. 18, that someone remembered that no registered mail came in from Stowe's route Saturday night.

Then came the exposure. Stowe was called for, but he was nowhere to be found. Then came reports of missing mail and other valuable articles.

Postal inspectors were summoned and the investigation began. Employees of the Davenport office were warned not to say anything about it. They obeyed orders. Not until Saturday noon did the story leak out. And then it was denied by Postmaster Fred B. Sharon.

The first commercial shipment of wheat out of Manitoba was made from Winnipeg in 1876. The shipment was made to Toronto, for seed purposes.

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